GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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Export of Iron Ore
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

a) the total production and export of iron ore from the country during the last three years and the current year along with the foreign exchange earned therefrom during the said period, country-wise;

b) whether iron ore is exported keeping in view the depleting iron ore reserves and meeting high demand and consumption thereof in the country and if so, the details thereof;

c) whether the Government proposes to review the export policy of iron ore for protecting the domestic industry; and
d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)
(a) Production of iron ore in the country is as follows:
(Qty. in million tonnes)

Year	Production
2012-13 (Prov)	136.02
2013-14 (Prov)	145.48
2014-15 (Prov)	128.97
2015-16 upto August, 2015	55.35

Source: IBM, Nagpur

Country-wise details of the exports of Iron Ore during last 3 years and current year in US Dollar terms, are as follows:

COUNTRY	2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16(APR TO SEP)	
	QTY(TON)	VAL(US $)	QTY(TON)	VAL(US $)	QTY(TON)	VAL(US $)	QTY(TON)	VAL(US $)
AUSTRIA	2	61						
BRAZIL	4	395	1	102				
CANADA	7	147						
CHINA P RP	16081571	1423225823	13472720	1205660854	4479425	208042429	642609	26504887
COLOMBIA	52	9418						
EGYPT A RP	54340	7547198						
FINLAND	1	32	3	72				
FRANCE	5	864						
GERMANY	3	294	21	954				
GREECE	20	3903						
IRAN	34017	5511605	535245	77475129	290314	31772256		
ITALY	44151	2587018						
JAPAN	1542792	186953459	1960847	245140103	1881987	184460259		
KAZAKHSTAN	16	4630						
KOREA RP	133567	13984688	406687	49806008	512722	49941839		
KUWAIT	27	9259	108	33661				
MALAYSIA	21340	1287290						
MAURITIUS	1	213						
NEPAL	1783	106512	2975	100292	2156	81222	12920	367707
NETHERLAND	165000	18157386						
NETHERLANDANTIL	27	669						
NIGERIA	3000	1296						
OMAN	201811	29309097	27500	701029	108	25012		
PHILIPPINES	44	18458						
RUSSIA	80	1491						
SAUDI ARAB	34	3557	28762	4586901	314	111433	135	22651
SINGAPORE	80263	10381569						
SLOVENIA	10	828						
SOUTH AFRICA	7	331						
SWEDEN	5							
SWITZERLAND	45000	3717531						
U ARAB EMTS	18686	1355587	51914	1060656	648	173001	21945	1601701

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UNSPECIFIED 52000 4662400 50000 5517462
VIETNAM SOC REP 39077 5163120
Grand Total 18120038 1661447781 16301238 1557629882 7490012 526504569 989578 61617267
Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata
(b) Certain grades of Iron-ore are already regulated as per the Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20. Differential duty has also been imposed on various grades of Iron Ore to regulate the exports. Therefore, most of the steps/measures are already in place to regulate exports of Iron Ore to meet the domestic requirements.
(c) & (d) At present, there is no proposal for revision of export policy of Iron Ore.
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